

# September 2012

## Potato Creek State Park



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**PLEASE NOTE:** Programs are free of charge (except as noted) and open to the public after paying the park admission fee. Programs begin **promptly** at scheduled times. (Eastern Time) **PARENTS:** an adult must accompany children under 14.



### September Nature Center Hours (Eastern Time)

Weekends: 9a-5p; Weekdays: Noon-4

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2012

- 10:00 a.m. **BARN TOUR** – Learn about barn construction and use as we tour this century plus old barn. 30 minutes. **MEET: RED BARN (by west boat launch)**
- 12:30 p.m. **HOOSIER QUEST PROGRAM** – Come find out details on how you can earn incentives while visiting the Indiana State Parks. **MEET: NATURE CENTER**
- 2:00 p.m. **ONE LAST HURRAH!** – Come to the beach before it closes for the season and meet some of the park's reptiles and amphibians. 45 minutes. **MEET: BEACH**



#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2012

- 10:00 a.m. **FEEDING TIME** - Stop by the Nature Center to watch the animals being fed. 30 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER**
- 12:30 p.m. **HOOSIER QUEST PROGRAM** – Come find out details on how you can earn incentives while visiting the Indiana State Parks. **MEET: NATURE CENTER**
- 2:00 p.m. **TURTLE RACES** – Will the Blanding's, the box, or the painted turtle win the race...or will the rabbit? 45 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**



#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2012

- 10:00 a.m. **SKINS AND SKULLS** – Stop in for a close-up look at some skins and skulls. Can you identify them? 30 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**
- 12:30 p.m. **HOOSIER QUEST PROGRAM** – Come find out details on how you can earn incentives while visiting the Indiana State Parks. **MEET: NATURE CENTER**
- 2:00 p.m. **SNAKES AREN'T SCARY!** - Come find out why the snakes of Potato Creek aren't something you should fear. A snake craft will follow. 45 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2012

- 10:00 a.m. **SPIDERS!!** – Could you weave a web? Find out how they do it and more in this fun look at our 8 legged friends. 45 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**
- 2:00 p.m. **BASIC DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP** – Discover the power of a basic point and shoot digital camera as we delve into composition, lighting and various camera functions. 45 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**



#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2012

- 10:00 a.m. **FEEDING TIME** - Stop by the Nature Center to watch the animals being fed. 30 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER**
- 2:00 p.m. **FARMLAND TO PARKLAND** – Hear of the history of the area and the development of the park in this slide show. 1 hour. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**

**PRAIRIE MAZE OPENS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14-** Get a maze guide and test your skills to find your way through the maze and learn about the tallgrass prairie at the same time. Guide maps are available at the Nature Center, Main Gate and Park Office. Park at WEST LOT.


**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2012**

**10:00 a.m. TURTLE TOPPERS** - Learn about turtles and make yourself a turtle topper to take home. 45 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**

**2:00 p.m. THE PRE-HISTORY OF THE AREA** – Learn about how previous inhabitants of the area lived and some of the clues they left behind in this special talk given by Archaeologist, Dr. Bill Mangold. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**

 **2-5 p.m. CHAT WITH AN ARCHAEOLOGIST** – An archaeologist, Dr. Bill Mangold, will be on hand to look at and identify any artifacts, arrowheads, etc. you would like to bring in or to just answer your questions. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**

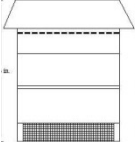
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2012**

 **10:00 a.m. FEEDING TIME** - Stop by the Nature Center to watch the animals being fed. 30 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER**

**2:00 p.m. AMPHIBIANS AMONG US** – Hop on in, sit back and get acquainted with some of our native amphibians. 45 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2012**

**10:00 a.m. FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN CELEBRATION** – We'll usher in the new season by making a leaf ID book that can be used to identify fallen leaves. 45 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**

 **1-4 p.m. \$\$ BAT HOUSE WORKSHOP** – Workshop participants will build a bat nest box to take home and learn how to manage it. In depth natural history of these extremely beneficial animals will be presented. Guidelines will also be given on where and how to place your nest box. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**

**Workshop Fee: \$20 per house.**

**Advance registration requested, limit 20.**



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2012**

**10:00 a.m. FEEDING TIME** - Stop by the Nature Center to watch the animals being fed. 30 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER**

**2:00 p.m. BEAVER TALES** - Discover some fascinating facts about one of nature's greatest engineers. 45 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**





# **Prairie Harvest Day: September 29**



**Craft Session Fees** - Material fees are per craft supply set. There will be a limited number on some crafts. Craft tickets may be purchased in the Nature Center on Saturday, September 29 beginning at 9:00 am.



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2012**

**10:00 a.m.**    **PRESCRIBED FIRE DEMONSTRATION** – Hear a little about the planning of a prescribed prairie fire and then see some of the tools demonstrated (weather permitting).

**MEET: NATURE CENTER**

**1:00 p.m.**    \$ **LEAF PRINT BANDANA (\$5)** - Beautify a bandana by decorating it with leaf prints.

**MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**

**2:00 p.m.**    \$ **WOOLY BEARS (\$1)** - It's about time for "wooly-watching." Learn a little about these fuzzy caterpillars and then create one of your own to take home.

**MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**

**3:00 p.m.**    **SCARECROW DECORATING CONTEST** – Get together a team and come get creative to win a prize! There will be a limited number of scarecrows, so sign up early. Sign-up begins at 9am at the Nature Center. **MEET: NATURE CENTER YARD**



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2012**

**10:00 a.m.**    **FEEDING TIME** - Stop by the Nature Center to watch the animals being fed. 30 minutes.

**MEET: NATURE CENTER**

**2:00 p.m.**    **AMERICA'S LOST LANDSCAPE: TALLGRASS PRAIRIE** - This extraordinary video takes an in-depth look at the prairie ecosystem and its history. 1 hour.

**MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**



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